

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A receiving apparatus which can switch and receive a ~~television broadcast and~~ plurality of stream data, comprising:

reproducing means for reproducing the received stream data;

switching means for switching an input between an input from said reproducing means and another input; ~~and~~

communicating means for communicating with a transmitting source of said stream data, each transmitting source having a URL; and

history storing means for storing the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data and a stop point for each stream data that is stopped,

wherein in the case where said input is switched from the input from said reproducing means to said another input by said switching means during the reproduction of said stream data by said reproducing means, a stop request to stop transmission of said stream data is transmitted to the transmitting source of said stream data by said communicating means and the history storing means stores the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data and the stop point for the stream data that is stopped, and

in the case where said input is switched again from said another input to an output from said reproducing means by said switching means, said communicating means obtains the stop point for the stream data and the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data from the history storing means and issues a start request to start the reproduction of said stream data from the stop point ~~a position where the transmission of said stream data has been stopped~~ ~~is transmitted~~ to said transmitting source of said stream data ~~by said communicating means.~~

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The [[A]] receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the reception of the stream data and the transmission of said stop request or said start request are executed by different communicating means.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The [[A]] receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, an address of said receiving apparatus is transmitted together with said start request.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The [[A]] receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, information of said transmitting source is transmitted together with said start request.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The [[A]] receiving apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, information showing the stream data is transmitted together with said start request.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A station selecting method which can switch and receive a plurality of ~~television broadcast and~~ stream data, comprising ~~the steps of~~:  
reproducing the received stream data;  
switching an input between an input from said reproducing ~~step~~ and another input;  
and

communicating with the ~~[[a]]~~ transmitting source of said stream data,

wherein in the case where said input is switched from the input from said reproducing ~~step~~ to said another input by said switching ~~step~~ during the reproduction of said stream data by said reproducing ~~step~~, a stop request to stop transmission of said stream data is transmitted to the transmitting source of said stream data by said communicating ~~step~~ and a URL of the transmitting source of the stream data and the stop point for the stream data that is stopped is saved in a history, and

in the case where said input is switched again from said another input to an output from said reproducing ~~step~~ by said switching ~~step~~, the stop point for the stream data and the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data is obtained from the history and a start request to start the reproduction of said stream data from the stop point ~~a position where the transmission of said stream data has been stopped~~ is transmitted to said transmitting source of said stream data by said communicating ~~step~~.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A stream distribution system for distributing stream data to a receiving apparatus which can switch and receive a plurality of television broadcast ~~and the stream data~~, comprising:

a stream data server for reproducing and transmitting the stream data; and

the receiving apparatus having,

reproducing means for reproducing the received stream data;

switching means for switching an input between an input from said

reproducing means and another input; ~~and~~

communicating means for communicating with a transmitting source of said stream data, each transmitting source having a URL; and

history storing means for storing the URL for the transmitting source of the stream data and a stop point for each stream data that is stopped,

wherein in the case where said input is switched from the input from said reproducing means to said another input by said switching means during the reproduction of said stream data by said reproducing means, said receiving apparatus transmits a stop request to stop the transmission of said stream data to said stream data server by said communicating means, said stream data server stops the transmission of said stream data by said stream data server in accordance with said stop request and the history storing means stores the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data and the stop point,

in the case where said input is switched again from said another input to the input from said reproducing means by said switching means, said receiving apparatus obtains the stop point for the stream data and the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data from the history storing means and transmits a start request to start the reproduction of said stream data from ~~a position where the transmission of said stream data has been stopped~~ the stop point to said stream data server ~~by said communicating means,~~ and said stream data server reproduces said stream data from the stop point ~~position where the transmission of said stream data has been stopped~~ and transmits said stream data to said receiving apparatus in accordance with said start request.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The [[A]] stream distribution system according to claim 11, wherein the reception of the stream data from said stream data server and the transmission of said stop request or said start request to said stream data server are executed by different communicating means.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The [[A]] stream distribution system according to claim 11, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, an address of said receiving apparatus is transmitted together with said start request.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The [[A]] stream distribution system according to claim 11, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, information showing said stream data server is transmitted together with said start request.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The [[A]] stream distribution system according to claim 11, wherein in the case of transmitting said start request, information showing the stream data is transmitted together with said start request.

Claims 16-19 (Canceled).

Claim 20 (New): A receiving apparatus which can switch and receive a plurality of stream data, comprising:

a reproducing unit configured to reproduce the received stream data;

a switch configured to switch an input between an input from said reproducing unit and another input;

a communication unit configured to communicate with a transmitting source of said stream data, each transmitting source having a URL; and

a history storing unit configured to store a history including the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data and a stop point for each stream data that is stopped,

wherein in the case where said input is switched from the input from said reproducing unit to said another input by said switch during the reproduction of said stream data by said

reproducing unit, said communicating unit issues a stop request to stop transmission of said stream data to the transmitting source of said stream data, and the history storing unit stores the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data and the stop point for the stream data that is stopped in the history, and

in the case where said input is switched again from said another input to an output from said reproducing unit by said switch, said communicating unit obtains the stop point for the stream data and the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data from the history stored by the history storing unit and issues a start request to start the reproduction of said stream data from the stop point to said transmitting source of said stream data.

Claim 21 (New): A stream distribution system for distributing stream data to a receiving apparatus which can switch and receive a plurality of stream data, comprising:

a stream data server configured to reproduce and transmit the stream data; and  
the receiving apparatus having,

a reproducing unit configured to reproduce the received stream data;

a switch configured to switch an input between an input from said reproducing unit and another input;

a communicating unit configured to communicate with a transmitting source of said stream data, each transmitting source having a URL; and

a history storing unit configured to store a history including the URL for the transmitting source of the stream data and a stop point for each stream data that is stopped,

wherein in the case where said input is switched from the input from said reproducing unit to said another input by said switch during the reproduction of said stream data by said reproducing unit, said receiving apparatus transmits a stop request

to stop the transmission of said stream data to said stream data server by said communicating unit, said stream data server stops the transmission of said stream data by said stream data server in accordance with said stop request and the history storing unit stores the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data and the stop point in the history,

in the case where said input is switched again from said another input to the input from said reproducing unit by said switch, said receiving apparatus obtains the stop point for the stream data and the URL of the transmitting source of the stream data from the history stored by the history storing unit and transmits a start request to start the reproduction of said stream data from the stop point to said stream data server, and said stream data server reproduces said stream data from the stop point and transmits said stream data to said receiving apparatus in accordance with said start request.